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**By** Senate Energy, Natural Resources & Marine Waters (originally sponsored by Senators Ranker, Swecker, Regala, Kline, Schoesler, Fain, Kilmer, Harper, Shin, Litzow, Fraser, Keiser, Conway, Hargrove, and Rolfes)

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1 AN ACT Relating to implementing efficiencies in the management of  
2 the state's natural resources; adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW;  
3 and creating new sections.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that: The state's  
6 natural resources agencies have faced significant budget reductions,  
7 including administrative reductions, as a result of the great economic  
8 challenges faced by the state in recent years; these reductions have  
9 required the natural resources agencies to explore potential  
10 efficiencies, and resulted in the beginnings of increased collaboration  
11 among the agencies; and the state will benefit from continued progress  
12 achieving efficiencies in and increased collaboration among the natural  
13 resources agencies.

14 (2) Therefore, the legislature intends to establish an ongoing and  
15 collaborative process for the natural resources agencies to identify,  
16 analyze, and, where appropriate, implement opportunities to achieve  
17 efficiencies in or improve the effectiveness of natural resources  
18 agency operations and resource management.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    (1) The natural resources agencies shall, in  
2 consultation with the office of financial management, develop and  
3 effectuate an ongoing process to identify, analyze, and, where  
4 appropriate, implement opportunities to achieve efficiencies in or  
5 improve the effectiveness of agency operations and resource management.

6        (2) Process outcomes: In developing and effectuating this process,  
7 the agencies shall identify and document significant examples of  
8 interagency collaboration, office or facility colocation, and sharing  
9 or consolidation of administrative functions.

10        (3) Interagency collaboration:

11        (a) In developing and effectuating this process, the agencies shall  
12 identify and analyze opportunities to achieve efficiencies in or  
13 improve the effectiveness of agency operations and resource management  
14 through actions such as interagency collaboration, sharing or  
15 consolidation of administrative functions, and other relevant actions  
16 identified by the agencies.

17        (b) The agencies shall implement those actions that are consistent  
18 with the criteria in (a) of this subsection and reasonably practicable,  
19 as determined by the agencies.

20        (4) Office and facility colocation:

21        (a) In developing and effectuating this process, the agencies shall  
22 identify and analyze opportunities to achieve efficiencies in or  
23 improve the effectiveness of agency operations and resource management  
24 through the colocation of offices and facilities.

25        (b) In identifying opportunities for analysis, the agencies shall  
26 consider current and future opportunities for colocation resulting from  
27 circumstances such as an existing or anticipated office or facility  
28 vacancy, lease expiration, or the presence of multiple offices or  
29 facilities in a particular geographic area. The agencies may also  
30 consider opportunities for colocation with appropriate entities other  
31 than natural resources agencies.

32        (c) The agencies shall implement those colocation opportunities  
33 that are consistent with the criteria in (a) of this subsection and  
34 reasonably practicable, as determined by the agencies and consistent  
35 with RCW 43.82.010. The agencies shall seek to align the  
36 implementation of this subsection with the development and  
37 implementation of the six-year facility plan required under RCW

1 43.82.055 wherever possible in order to promote efficiencies. The  
2 office of financial management may exercise the authority provided  
3 under section 3 of this act regarding colocation opportunities.

4 (5) In developing and effectuating this process, the agencies must  
5 provide a structure for and maintain regular communication. Each  
6 agency must participate in the development and effectuation of the  
7 process in a collaborative and, as appropriate, active manner.

8 (6) Consistent with RCW 43.01.036, the agencies must collectively  
9 submit a report to the appropriate standing committees of the senate  
10 and house of representatives by September 1st of each year. The report  
11 must include an update on the process required under this section,  
12 opportunities identified and analyzed under the process, outcomes  
13 resulting from the process, and any budget or legislative  
14 recommendations.

15 (7) For the purposes of this section, the terms "agency" and  
16 "natural resources agency" includes the department of agriculture, the  
17 department of ecology, the department of fish and wildlife, the  
18 department of natural resources, the recreation and conservation  
19 office, the Puget Sound partnership, the state conservation commission,  
20 and the state parks and recreation commission.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The office of financial management may  
22 identify colocation opportunities for analysis by the agencies under  
23 section 2(4) of this act.

24 (2) If the agencies determine that a colocation opportunity does  
25 not meet the criteria for implementation under section 2(4) of this  
26 act, the office of financial management shall review that  
27 determination. The director of the office of financial management may  
28 require the agencies to reconsider the initial determination or  
29 implement the opportunity if the director determines that the  
30 opportunity: Meets the criteria for implementation under section 2(4)  
31 of this act; would result in significant cost savings or efficiencies;  
32 and is in the best interest of the state.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The legislature finds that the process  
34 required under section 2 of this act consists of a series of activities  
35 that are an inherent part of efficient and effective natural resource  
36 agency management, and must be conducted within existing resources.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    Sections 2 and 3 of this act constitute a  
2    new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

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